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Mr. Harold Weisberg
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Dear Mr. Weisberg:

While reviewing requests that are located in the FOIPA backlog, we determined that we had inadvertently overlooked your request for documents related to the Silver Shirts organization that you turned over to the FBI in early 1940. This particular request was set out in your letter to Mr. Thomas Bresson, dated 10/27/75.

Through a review of the file on the Silver Shirts it was determined that the documents in question were transmitted to the Department of Justice on February 17, 1940. Copies of these documents were not retained at FBI Headquarters, and it was ascertained that photocopies of the documents made by our Washington, D. C., Field Office were destroyed in 1971.

In view of the above, this particular request is being referred to the Department of Justice for processing. You can expect to hear directly from them concerning this matter.

Sincerely yours,

Clarence M. Kelley
Director